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November 16, 1943

Minutes of the Three Hundred and Thirty-Seventh Meeting, a Regular Meeting, of the Texas Highway Commission, held in the State Highway Building at Austin, Texas, with the following members present:

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| Brady Gentry | Chairman |
| Reuben Williams | Member |
| Fred E. Knetsch | Member |
| D. C. Greer | State Highway Engineer |

20270

It is ordered by the Commission that a Regular Meeting of the State Highway Commission be opened at 9:00 A. M., November 16, 1943.

20271

In CAMERON COUNTY, on bids received November 12, 1943, contract for construction of grading, structures, flexible base and double asphalt surface treatment, from Southwest corner of Army Ground Range, 17 miles East of Rio Hondo to San Roman, a distance of 4.454 miles on HIGHWAY M. R., Control 921-14-1, DAWR 89-A (1), is awarded to Dodds and Wedegartner Construction Company, San Benito, Texas, for \$100,044.89, which is the lowest and best bid, subject to the concurrence of the Public Roads Administration.

20272

In CORYELL AND BELL COUNTIES, on bids received November 12, 1943, contract for construction of grading and culverts, from Bell County Line to 1 mile west of Flat and from 10 miles N.W. of Temple to Coryell County Line, a distance of 13.594 miles on HIGHWAY NO. 36, Control 184-1&2-2&5, S. P., is awarded to Harry Campbell, Fort Worth, Texas for \$155,304.34, which is the lowest and best bid.

20273

In DALLAS COUNTY, on bids received October 19, 1943, contract for construction of grading, widening concrete pavement, and hot mix asphaltic concrete pavement, from Blue Cut Road to Idle Wild Road (Jefferson Road South Lane) a distance of 1.728 miles on HIGHWAY N.R. Control 918-17-5, DAWR 7-A (2), is awarded to Texas Bitulithic Company, Dallas, Texas for \$48,633.52, which is the lowest and best bid, subject to the concurrence of the Public Roads Administration.

20274

In DALLAS COUNTY, on bids received October 19, 1943, contract for construction of concrete pavement from Beckley Avenue to Davis Street (Zang Blvd. in Dallas) a distance of 0.487 miles on U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 80, Control 9-1-3, S. P., is awarded to Vilbig Construction Company, Dallas, Texas, for \$39,370.00, which is the lowest and best bid.

20275

In ELLIS COUNTY, on bids received November 12, 1943, contract for construction of widening drainage structures, a distance of 0.142 miles on U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 77, Control 48-3,4,&5-15,10,&13, is awarded to Wallace & Bowden, Dallas, Texas, for \$68,511.41, which is the lowest and best bid.

20276

In GALVESTON COUNTY, on bids received November 12, 1943, contract for construction of grading, structures, flexible base and double asphalt surface treatment, from Access Road to U. S. Army Air Field at Galveston, a distance of 1.499 miles on HIGHWAY M. R., Control 912-43-1, DAWC 93-A (1), is awarded to General Construction Company, Fort Worth, Texas for \$45,924.85, which is the lowest and best bid, subject to the concurrence of the Public Roads Administration.

20277

In HUTCHINSON COUNTY, on bids received November 12, 1943, contract for construction of Asphaltic Concrete Pavement, from 10th Street to Franklin Street in Borger, a distance of 1.666 miles on LOOP 140, Control 356-6-1, is awarded to Public Construction Company, Denton, Texas for \$33,650.00, which is the lowest and best bid.

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20278

In ORANGE COUNTY, on bids received October 19, 1943, contract for construction of grading, structures, flexible base and double asphalt surface treatment, from Lake Street to City Docks in Orange, a distance of 1.225 miles on HIGHWAY M. R., Control 920-21-1, DANI 19-A (1), is awarded to Charles C. Bellar Company, Anahuac, Texas for \$50,640.90, which is the lowest and best bid, subject to the concurrence of the Public Roads Administration.

20279

In ORANGE COUNTY, on bids received November 12, 1943, contract for construction of concrete pavement, from 15th Street in Orange to 2.630 miles W. and from present Highway 87 to intersection with Highway 90, a distance of 4.356 miles on STATE HIGHWAY 87 and U. S. HIGHWAY 90, Control 306-1-9, 28-11-24, SN FAP 149-ABC (5), is awarded to Harrison Engineering and Construction Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri, for \$223,940.23, which is the lowest and best bid, subject to the concurrence of the Public Roads Administration.

20280

It is ordered by the Commission that each of the following contracts, having been examined by the Commission and it being found that it complies with the order of award by the Commission, is hereby approved in accordance with Section 12, Chapter 186, General Laws of Texas as passed by the 1925 Legislature, 39th Regular Session.

| COUNTY | PROJECT | CONTRACTOR |
|--------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Dallas | DANR 7-A (2) | Texas Bitulithic Company |
| Orange | DANI 19-A (1) | Charles C. Bellar Company |
| Dallas | Control 9-1-3 | Vilbig Construction Co. |

20281

In HUTCHINSON COUNTY on LOOP 140, it is ordered by the Commission that the following contract, which has been examined by the Commission and found to comply with the order of award by the Commission, is hereby approved in accordance with Section 12, Chapter 186, General Laws of Texas, as passed by the 1925 Legislature, 39 Regular Session.

| COUNTY | JOB NO. | HWY. NO. | LENGTH | CONTRACTOR | DATE | AMOUNT |
|------------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Hutchinson | M-356-6-1 | Loop 140 | 1.666 | Public Construction Company | 11-16-43 | \$ 33,650.00 |

20282

On the following projects for which bids were received on October 19, 1943 and on which contracts have been awarded an initial construction appropriation of \$100,500.00 is hereby made to be distributed to the projects below:

| COUNTY | PROJECT NO. | HWY. | LENGTH | TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION | LOCATION | AMOUNT |
|--------|--------------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Orange | DANI 19-A(1) | N.R. | 1.225 | Gr., Strs., Flex. Bs. & Asphalt | Alabama & Lake Strs. TO: Municipal Wharves | \$ 57,800.00 |
| Dallas | C-9-1-3 | US 80 | 0.487 | Concrete Pavement | Beckley Ave. TO: Davis St. on Zangs Blvd. | 42,700.00 |
| | | | | | | \$ 100,500.00 |

A.F.E. 43-205

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20283

It is ordered by the State Highway Commission that an appropriation be made to cover the purchase of the following equipment:

From Swearingen-Armstrong, Inc., Austin, Texas
 1 Ford V-8 DeLuxe Tudor Sedan, F.O.B. Austin, Texas,
 Net Price \$ 1,223.75
 Less trade in of the following less license plates:
 1 1938 Dodge Sedan, State #75-C, Ser. #30068847
 Allowance 203.75
 NET DIFFERENCE \$ 1,020.00

From Swearingen-Armstrong, Inc., Austin, Texas
 1 Ford V-8 DeLuxe Tudor Sedan, F.O.B. Austin, Texas
 Net Price \$ 1,167.50
 Less trade in of the following less license plates:
 1 1937 Dodge Coupe, State #34-C, Ser. #9136653 Allowance 188.00
 NET DIFFERENCE \$ 979.50

From Glosserman Chevrolet Co., Lockhart, Texas
 1 Chevrolet 4-door DeLuxe Sedan, F.O.B. Austin, Texas,
 Net Price \$ 1,149.69
 Less trade in of the following less license plates
 1 1940 Chevrolet Sedan, State #38-D, Ser. #3KH02-16825 Allowance 405.00
 NET DIFFERENCE \$ 744.69

From U. S. Treasury Dept., Regional Property Office, Fort Worth, Texas
 1 Used Jaeger 7S Concrete Mixer, F.O.B. Fort Worth, Texas,
 Net Price \$ 570.00
 1 Used LeRoi-Rix Air Compressor, F.O.B. Fort Worth, Texas,
 Net Price 735.00
 1 Used PU 2665-W Rock Crusher, F.O.B. Fort Worth, Texas,
 Net Price 750.00
 TOTAL NET PRICE \$ 2,055.00

From U. S. Treasury Department, Regional Property Office, Fort Worth, Texas
 1 Used Concrete Mixer, Knickerbocker Model DS40,
 F.O.B. Houston, Texas NET PRICE \$ 360.00

From J. W. Bartholow Machinery Company, Dallas, Texas
 4 Sterling # 40M 4" Water Pumps, F.O.B. Houston, Texas,
 NET PRICE \$623.80 \$ 2,495.20

S U M M A R Y

Equipment & Procurement Division, F.O.B. Austin, Texas
 Net Difference \$ 1,020.00
 Equipment & Procurement Division, F.O.B. Austin, Texas
 Net Difference 979.50
 Equipment & Procurement Division, F.O.B. Austin, Texas
 Net Difference 744.69
 Equipment & Procurement Division, F.O.B. Fort Worth, Texas
 Net Price 2,055.00
 District 12, F.O.B. Houston, Texas Net Price 360.00
 District 12, F.O.B. Houston, Texas Net Price 2,495.20
 TOTAL - - - - - \$ 7,654.39

NOTE: The "Net Difference" is the amount the Department pays out and covers the cost of the new machines, less discount and allowance on the old machines traded off. All bids are tabulated showing the "Net Difference" price.

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20284

It is ordered by the Commission that each of the following projects, having been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the plans and specifications and approved changes, is hereby accepted as recommended in the report of the Engineer, and that all moneys due on each final estimate be paid to the respective contractor.

| COUNTY | PROJECT NO. | CONTRACTOR | COMPLETED |
|-----------|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Jack | Control 134-5-5 | Austin Road Company | 8-25-43 |
| Wise | Control 134-7-10 | Austin Road Company | 8-25-43 |
| Wise | Control 134-6-8 | Austin Road Company | 8-25-43 |
| Lipscomb | FAS 662-E | J. E. & Harry Barnhill | 10-9-43 |
| Bailey | Control 461-2-5 | Public Construction Co. | 10-8-43 |
| Briscoe | Control 303-3-11 | Public Construction Co. | 10-8-43 |
| Briscoe | Control 303-4-13 | Public Construction Co. | 10-8-43 |
| Castro | Control 302-3-7 | Public Construction Co. | 10-8-43 |
| Dawson | Control 360-5-3 | Public Construction Co. | 10-5-43 |
| Lamb | Control 145-3-8 | Public Construction Co. | 10-8-43 |
| Pecos | Control 139-7-1 | Cage Bros. & F. M. Reeves & Sons | 9-13-43 |
| Pecos | Control 139-7-2 | Cage Bros. & F. M. Reeves & Sons | 9-13-43 |
| Pecos | Control 139-8-4 | Cage Bros. & F. M. Reeves & Sons | 9-13-43 |
| Upton | Control 76-6-7 | C. Hunter Strain | 8-31-43 |
| Ward | Control 4-3-9 | C. Hunter Strain | 8-31-43 |
| Winkler | Control 292-1-4 | C. Hunter Strain | 8-31-43 |
| Winkler | Control 354-1-2 | C. Hunter Strain | 8-31-43 |
| Mitchell | SN-FAP 525 | Thomas & Ratliff | 7-29-43 |
| Stonewall | Control 360-1-5 | Thomas & Ratliff | 9-29-43 |
| Cherokee | Control 199-1-15 | Austin Road Company | 10-12-43 |
| Cherokee | Control 206-5-7 | Austin Road Company | 10-12-43 |
| Gregg | SN-FAP 147-E | L. H. Lacy & Company | 9-8-43 |
| Gregg | SN-FAP 147-F | L. H. Lacy & Company | 9-8-43 |
| Gregg | SN-FAP 147-G | L. H. Lacy & Company | 9-8-43 |
| Gregg | FAP 899-B | L. H. Lacy & Company | 9-8-43 |
| Henderson | Control 198-6-3 | Austin Road Company | 10-12-43 |
| Henderson | Control 198-2-9 | Austin Road Company | 10-12-43 |
| Rusk | Control 207-3-8 | Austin Road Company | 10-12-43 |
| Smith | Control 424-1-8 | Austin Road Company | 10-12-43 |
| Smith | Control 190-5-9 | Austin Road Company | 10-12-43 |
| Smith | DAWC 76-A | Ben Sira & Company | 9-10-43 |
| Smith | SN-FAP 215-B | L. H. Lacy & Company | 9-8-43 |
| Smith | SN-FAP 147 | L. H. Lacy & Company | 9-8-43 |
| Wood | SN-FAP 215 | L. H. Lacy & Company | 9-8-43 |
| Wood | Control 203-5-6 | L. H. Lacy & Company | 9-8-43 |
| Fort Bend | SN-FAP 326 (4) | Austin Bridge Company | 7-26-43 |
| Colorado | Control 26-6-9 | George Kies Company | 9-7-43 |
| Colorado | Control 27-1-19 | George Kies Company | 9-7-43 |
| Bastrop | AW-FAP 488-B | Holland Page | 10-11-43 |
| Milam | Control 209-5-8 | R. B. Bowden | 8-16-43 |
| Milam | Control 262-1-4 | R. B. Bowden | 8-16-43 |
| Milam | Control 210-1-4 | R. B. Bowden | 8-16-43 |
| Milam | Control 185-4-6 | Southern Contracting Co. | 8-13-43 |
| Dallas | SN-FAP 634-F | Harry Campbell | 6-3-43 |
| Morris | DAWI 74-A | H. L. Butler | 8-18-43 |
| Upshur | DAWI 74-B | H. L. Butler | 8-18-43 |
| Brooks | Control 482-2-4 | Colglazier & Hoff, Inc. | 7-7-43 |
| Brooks | Control 482-3-4 | Colglazier & Hoff, Inc. | 7-7-43 |
| Duval | Control 517-4-1 | Colglazier & Hoff, Inc. | 6-4-43 |
| Duval | Control 86-10-9 | Colglazier & Hoff, Inc. | 6-15-43 |
| Duval | Control 86-9-8 | Colglazier & Hoff, Inc. | 6-15-43 |
| Duval | Control 86-5-6 | Colglazier & Hoff, Inc. | 5-7-43 |
| Duval | Control 86-8-8 | Colglazier & Hoff, Inc. | 5-21-43 |
| Hidalgo | Control 621-1-1 | Colglazier & Hoff, Inc. | 8-1-43 |
| Hidalgo | Control 255-8-5 | Colglazier & Hoff, Inc. | 8-1-43 |
| Jim Hogg | Control 86-6-8 | Colglazier & Hoff, Inc. | 5-17-43 |
| Jim Hogg | Control 86-7-8 | Colglazier & Hoff, Inc. | 5-8-43 |
| Webb | Control 37-10-7 | Colglazier & Hoff, Inc. | 3-13-43 |
| San Saba | Control 480-8-3 | McKinney Construction Co. | 9-23-43 |

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20285

The following agreements supplemental to contracts previously approved and entered into, having been examined and the terms and conditions having been found satisfactory, and it appearing that an additional appropriation of funds will not be required, are hereby approved:

TARRANT AND WISE COUNTIES, SN-FAP 41 and 14, Spencer Construction Company, Contractors, providing for termination of contract due to War Production Board stop order, the work actually performed to be paid for at bid prices.

BEXAR COUNTY, DAWR 83-A, Briggs-Killian Company, Contractors, providing that cut-back asphaltic concrete pavement at unit price of \$5.25 per ton be substituted for the contract item of cold mix blended rock asphalt pavement at \$5.50 per ton; no change in total cost due to difference in quantity required.

BRAZOS COUNTY, Control 599-1-2, Austin Road Company, Contractors, providing for extension of concrete pavement to a connection with existing city pavement of Bryan, work to be done at original contract price of \$1.84 for concrete pavement; estimated cost of additional work \$30,000.00, funds for which were appropriated by Minute No. 20238, dated October 6, 1943.

DALLAS COUNTY, SN-A-FAP 634-F, Harry Campbell, Contractor, providing for termination of contract due to War Production Board stop order, the work actually performed to be paid for at bid prices.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, DAWI 85-A, Charles Cohen, Contractor, providing for the construction of concrete apron and sheet piling at storm sewer outlet and establishing a unit price of 85¢ per lin. ft. for furnishing and driving treated timber sheet piling, balance of work to be at bid prices; estimated cost of additional work \$491.97.

EL PASO COUNTY, SN-FAP 439-A, Hugh McMillan, Contractor, providing for one special automatic drainage gate at price of \$200.00.

20286

In ANGELINA COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 59, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$5,027.00 be and is hereby made to supplement previously appropriated funds for Project M-176-2-17 covering the construction of Mill Creek Bridge and approaches. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 43-207

20287

In BASTROP AND CALDWELL COUNTIES on FARM HIGHWAY 86 from approximately 2.0 miles southwest of Red Rock to Luling, a distance of 20.966 miles designated by Minute 20197 dated August 23, 1943, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State assumption of maintenance was October 11, 1943.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT an appropriation of \$31,400.00 be and is hereby made to cover extensive repairs necessary to place this road in proper condition for maintenance.

A.F.E. 43-208

20288

In BAYLOR COUNTY, on U. S. HIGHWAY 277, from its junction with U. S. Highway 283 south of Seymour to Knox County Line. In order to eliminate a duplication between the Post War Program and a previously authorized project, it is ordered that the project previously approved providing for extension of structures and widening flexible base and surfacing for which funds in the amount of \$87,500.00 were appropriated by Commission Minute Number 18856, be cancelled.

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20289

In BRAZORIA COUNTY on Intracoastal Waterway, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$465.00 be and is hereby made for the cost of purchasing 4.066 acres of land including Abstract of Title from W. H. Moore, Brazoria County Abstract Company and Harrison Oil Company; this land is adjacent to a small existing Texas Highway Department site at the Velasco Beach Road Crossing as shown on the attached sketch, and is to be used for the location of a drydock and shops for maintenance of barges on the Intra-coastal Canal crossings.

A.F.E. 43-209

20290

In BRAZOS COUNTY, on HIGHWAY O.S.R., it is ordered that an appropriation of \$64,000.00 be and is hereby made to complete the project now under construction extending from Highway No. 21 near the Brazos River to Highway No. 6 near Benchley.

A.F.E. 43-210

20291

In CARSON COUNTY on Control 356-2-9, STATE HIGHWAY 117, it is found necessary to increase the quantity of Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Pavement in order to secure a first class job, and an additional appropriation of \$3,500.00 is hereby made to finance the cost of such additional work.

A.F.E. 43-211

20292

In DAWSON COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 137 from the Dawson-Terry County Line to Punkin Center, 9.5 miles northwest of Lamesa, a total distance of 9.165 miles, designated by Minute 17866 dated December 3, 1940, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State assumption of maintenance was October 6, 1943.

20293

In FORT BEND COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 59, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$8,500.00 be and is hereby made to supplement funds previously appropriated for M-89-9-10 covering the leveling up of concrete pavement with mud jack from the Wharton County line to the intersection of U. S. Highway 90-A in Rosenberg, a distance of 14.54 miles. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 43-212

20294

In FREESTONE COUNTY, on FARM HIGHWAY NO. 80, it is ordered that an appropriation of \$48,000.00 be and is hereby made, providing for the maintenance and repair of that section extending from Teague to Donie.

A.F.E. 43-213

20295

In GALVESTON COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 75, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$4,805.25 be and is hereby made to supplement funds previously appropriated for Project M-500-1-15 to cover the work of reconstructing the southeast fender system at the draw span of the Galveston Causeway. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 43-214

20296

In GALVESTON COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 87, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$31,237.00 be and is hereby made to cover the cost of repairing boats and landing facilities at the Galveston-Bolivar Ferries as a result of the July hurricane.

A.F.E. 43-215

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20297

In HALE COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 70, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$6,800.00 be and is hereby made for the purpose of widening shoulders, rebuilding and flattening slopes from 16.4 miles west of Plainview to 17.1 miles west of Plainview, a distance of 0.757 mile. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 43-216

20298

In HALE COUNTY on FARM HIGHWAY 54 from 4.7 miles east of the junction of U. S. Highway 87 to 9.335 miles east of the junction of U. S. Highway 87, a distance of 4.659 miles designated by Minute 19435 dated May 20, 1943, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State assumption of maintenance is October 16, 1943.

20299

In HALL AND CHILDRESS COUNTIES on FARM HIGHWAY 30, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$3,560.00 be and is hereby made for improving drainage conditions by repairing dykes and terraces from Memphis to U. S. Highway 83, a distance of 20.816 miles. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 43-217

20300

In HARDIN AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, Minute No. 20249 provided for the designation and taking over for maintenance of a road from Sour Lake to Nome. In order to preserve uniformity in marking, it is ordered that the above numbered Minute be amended to provide for signing this road as a continuation of the existing State Highway from Kountze to Sour Lake.

20301

WHEREAS, in HARRIS COUNTY, the Highway Commission on June 23, 1942, by Commission Minute No. 19475, designated a Loop on U. S. HIGHWAY 90 in and adjacent to the City of Houston, for future construction and maintenance purposes; and

WHEREAS, the properly authorized officials of the City of Houston desire to develop a joint project with the Texas Highway Department to the end that an adequate thoroughfare may be developed for the movement of inter-city and intra-city traffic on the section within the corporate limits of Houston, as a Postwar Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Texas Highway Commission tenders to the City of Houston, through the authorized officials thereof, a tentative proposal for the development of this project cooperatively as follows:

A general project description precedes an outline of responsibilities of each Party.

The proposed location through the City of Houston extends from the west City limit on 29th Street to Yale Street, thence curves to 30th Street between Yale and Harvard Streets, thence along 30th and Perry Streets to Air Line Drive, thence East along 29½ Street to the East City Limit of Houston. The general plan of project development provides for construction of two 12-foot lanes of moving traffic on each side of center esplanade section, with a paved parking lane adjacent to each outside curb in general conformity with attached typical section. Storm sewers are to be provided for drainage, in addition to such transverse drainage structure as may be required.

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It shall be the responsibility of the City of Houston to:

1. Present to the Texas Highway Department its proposed plan for financing its portion of the work provided in this order so that the Department may be assured of the continuous development and maintenance of project within the City of Houston.
2. Indemnify the State from any and all claims growing out of or resulting from construction of this project within the City, in accordance with Standard forms to be provided by the State.
3. Furnish an unobstructed right-of-way, 150 feet wide, except from Shepherd Drive to Yale Street, this strip to be a minimum of 150 feet at Shepherd Drive and decreasing uniformly to a minimum of 140 feet at Yale Street, with title in the name of the City of Houston, same to be dedicated as a public street; remove, or cause to be removed, all obstructions and encroachments (buildings, fences, drainage pipes under private driveways, utilities, all light, power and telephone poles, etc.).
4. Plan, finance, and construct adequate sewer facilities on the city section properly designed to carry the storm water from within the limits of the right-of-way and such additional territory as it is logical to include in the drainage area for this sewer, including sewer inlets, utility adjustments, lighting, traffic control devices, etc., all as may be required, with the exception of those portions of the work hereinafter made the responsibility of the State.
5. Maintain the entire project length constructed within the corporate limits.

It shall be the responsibility of the State, Texas Highway Department, to:

1. Render consulting engineering advice as may be solicited by the City of Houston on the city section.
2. Plan, finance and construct the grading, transverse drainage structures within the normal right-of-way, and pavement.

It is mutually agreed by the Parties hereto that the expenditures made or to be made by the City of Houston in the development of this project are for the benefit of the City of Houston and the properties therein, and shall not now or in the future be considered in any manner an obligation of the State or any of its tax sources.

This order of the Commission constitutes a tentative proposal, and shall not be considered as fully operative until such time as it may have been accepted by official action of the City of Houston and such acceptances concurred in by the State Highway Commission.

20302

In HENDERSON AND KAUFMAN COUNTIES on FARM HIGHWAY 85 from Mabank to the intersection of State Highway 274, a distance of 8.65 miles designated by Minute 20253 dated October 6, 1943, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State assumption of maintenance was October 11, 1943.

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20303

WHEREAS, in HIDALGO AND WILLACY COUNTIES, the desirability of designating and maintaining a Farm to Market Road, extending from Elsa to Highway No. 186, is under consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Counties, acting through their constituted authorities, have requested this designation and maintenance and have pledged that the Counties will retain full and complete responsibility for the full and final payment of all indebtedness prevailing against the road; and

WHEREAS, in offering to retain full responsibility for indebtedness prevailing against the road they recognize the financial gain that will accrue to the Counties from State assumption of the expense of future maintenance along the proposed designation; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 348, Regular Session, Forty-Eighth Legislature, makes possible County retention of prevailing indebtedness on Farm to Market Roads designated by the Highway Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Commission in its deliberation of the merits of this designation and maintenance has taken into consideration the policy of allowing County indebtedness to remain with the County, as well as the enabling legislation therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that a Farm to Market Road be and is hereby designated, extending from Elsa in Hidalgo County to State Highway No. 186 in Willacy County, a distance of approximately 14.0 miles, said road to be signed for the proper guidance of the traveling public as a FARM TO MARKET HIGHWAY, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to inaugurate negotiations with Hidalgo and Willacy Counties to consummate an agreement whereby the Counties and/or Road Districts, acting by and through the Commissioners' Courts, in consideration of this designation and maintenance, will retain full responsibility for all prevailing indebtedness against the road or roads that may serve either temporarily or permanently as a part of this designation, all as permitted under Senate Bill No. 348, Regular Session, Forty-Eighth Legislature, and furnish such right-of-way as may be required. This order of the Highway Commission will not become effective until the agreement has been executed by the authorized officials of Hidalgo and Willacy Counties and the State Highway Department. Minute No. 19183, dated March 26, 1942, is hereby canceled.

20304

In JASPER COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 340, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$10,547.00 be and is hereby made to recondition the base and surface from the junction of U. S. Highway 96 (0.6 mile north of Kirbyville) to the Jasper-Newton County line (sections) a distance of approximately 1.0 mile. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 43-218

20305

In KINNEY COUNTY, on HIGHWAY NO. 131, it is ordered that a project be authorized providing for grading, drainage structures, and surfacing, extending from 3400 feet north of the railroad in Spofford to 300 feet south of the railroad in Spofford, at an estimated total cost to the State of \$6,000.00, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with this construction in the most economical and feasible manner in order to eliminate a hazardous condition now existent on the highway crossing in Spofford.

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20306

In LIMESTONE COUNTY on FARM HIGHWAY 39, from Mexia to Personville, a distance of approximately 16 miles designated by Minute 20149 dated August 3, 1943, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual date of State assumption of maintenance is October 18, 1943.

20307

In MIDLAND COUNTY on Control 380-9-2, STATE HIGHWAY 349, the cost of grading, flexible base and asphalt surface treatment will exceed the funds originally provided and an additional appropriation of \$2,000.00 is hereby made to permit completion of improvements as designed.

A.F.E. 43-219

20308

In MONTGOMERY COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 105, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$28,380.00 be and is hereby made to cover the construction of a section of State Highway 105 through the town of Montgomery, a distance of 1.156 miles and the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with this construction in the most economical and feasible manner.

A.F.E. 43-220

20309

In NOLAN COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 84, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$39,017.00 be and is hereby made to resection, construct flexible base shoulders and widen 9 small culverts from Roscoe to the Mitchell County line, a distance of 9.098 miles. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 43-221

20310

In NUECES COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 9, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$13,000.00 be and is hereby made to cover the cost of repairing shoulders from Corpus Christi west for approximately 7.0 miles. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

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20311

In POLK COUNTY on FARM HIGHWAY 62 extending from Moscow to Camden, a distance of approximately 6.2 miles, it is ordered by the Commission that State maintenance on the existing travel facility be undertaken effective the date of this Minute. This action modifies the provisions of Minute No. 19212, dated March 26, 1942, and Minute No. 19489, dated June 23, 1942, to the extent that State assumption of maintenance is authorized prior to instead of after the construction provided for by the above two Minutes. No other provision of the above referred to Minutes is waived or modified.

20312

In SABINE COUNTY on FARM HIGHWAY 83, from Hemphill (junction with State Highway 184) to East Mayfield, a distance of 0.7 mile, designated by Minute No. 20218 dated September 7, 1943, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State assumption of maintenance was October 1, 1943.

20313

In SMITH COUNTY, it is ordered that the State Highway Engineer be directed to make application to the Public Roads Administration for modification of the Federal Aid Highway System, to amend Federal Aid

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Route No. 37 to include a spur extending from Federal Aid Route No. 37 (U.S. Highway No. 69) at the intersection of Fenton Avenue and Queen Street in Tyler along Bow Street to a point just east of Palace Avenue, a distance of approximately 0.65 mile in length.

20314

In TARRANT COUNTY on DAWI 52-A(1), Control 902-18-1, ACCESS ROAD, the cost of Grading, Structures, Flexible Base and Asphalt Surface will exceed the funds originally provided and an increased appropriation of \$3,732.66 is hereby made to finance the necessary additional work.

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20315

In TARRANT COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 183 from the west junction of White Settlement Road to the east junction of White Settlement Road and from the intersection of State Highway 199 to 24th Street in Fort Worth, a total distance of 1.045 miles, designated by Minute 13622 dated April 20, 1937, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State assumption of maintenance was September 1, 1943.

20316

In TAYLOR COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 80, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$10,500.00 be and is hereby made to cover the cost of removing and replacing broken slabs of concrete pavement from the Nolan-Taylor County line to Abilene, a distance of 23.35 miles. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

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20317

WHEREAS, in TAYLOR COUNTY, the desirability of designating a Farm to Market Road, extending from a point on U. S. Highway No. 80 at Tye via the Camp Barkeley Air Support Command Base to a connection with State Highway No. 158 at Caps, is under consideration by reason of the traffic it now serves to the Camp Barkeley Air Support Command Base; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that action taken at this time could not possibly anticipate traffic conditions along this road beyond a period extending for the duration of hostilities and six months thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the County, acting through its constituted authorities has requested this designation and has pledged that the County will retain full and complete responsibility for the full and final payment of indebtedness prevailing against the road; and

WHEREAS, Taylor County, in offering to retain full responsibility for indebtedness prevailing against the road recognizes the financial gain that would accrue to the County from State assumption of maintenance along the proposed designation during the period of war traffic; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 348, Regular Session, Forty-Eighth Legislature, makes possible County retention of prevailing indebtedness on Farm to Market Roads designated by the Highway Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Commission, in its deliberation of the merits of this designation has taken into consideration the policy of allowing county indebtedness to remain with the County, as well as the enabling legislation therefor;

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that a Farm to Market Road be and is hereby designated, extending from a point on U. S. Highway No. 80 at Tye, to a connection with State Highway No. 158 at Caps, a distance of approximately 6.2 miles, for the time period of actual hostilities and six months thereafter, resulting in automatic cancellation of the designation and end of State maintenance at the end of such period, unless extended beyond such date by official action of the Highway Commission, based upon traffic conditions at that time, said designated road to be signed for the proper guidance of the traveling public as a WAR HIGHWAY, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to inaugurate negotiations with Taylor County to consummate an agreement whereby the County and/or Road District, acting by and through the Commissioners' Court, in consideration of this designation, will retain full responsibility for all prevailing indebtedness against the road serving as a part of this designation, all as permitted under Senate Bill No. 348, Regular Session, Forty-Eighth Legislature, and furnish such right-of-way as may be required. This order of the Highway Commission will not become effective until the agreement has been executed by authorized officials of Taylor County and the State Highway Department.

20318

In WEBB COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 59, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$11,400.00 be and is hereby made to supplement funds previously set up for M-86-1-5 covering the reconstruction of the Chacon Creek Bridge in Laredo. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

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20319

In WOOD COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 154 from Quitman, intersection with State Highway 37 to 6.1 miles east of Quitman, a distance of 6.096 miles designated by Minute 14387 dated November 16, 1937, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State assumption of maintenance was August 31, 1943.

20320

It is ordered that \$1,000.00 be appropriated to pay the cost of manufacturing additional 1942 Motor Vehicle License Plates. Due to the 1942 plates remaining in service for three years, additional orders for replacements, new registrations, etc. are necessary.

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20321

It is ordered that \$1,500.00 be appropriated to pay the cost of delivering the 1944 Motor Vehicle License Tabs from the Texas Prison System at Huntsville to the County Tax Collectors.

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20322

WHEREAS, Mr. Clifton Rice, District Engineer, of District No. 24, at El Paso, Texas, has requested that he be relieved of the duties of District Engineer, as of November 15, 1943, due to ill health, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rice, has a service record of nearly seventeen years, dating back to February 1, 1927, as Maintenance Superintendent, Assistant Maintenance Engineer, and District Engineer, and has proved himself to be a loyal, conscientious and efficient employee, satisfactorily performing the many duties and assignments of the positions held, having in mind and having given his best efforts to the interests of the State Highway Department and the State of Texas, and

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WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission and the State Highway Engineer desire to publicly acknowledge and to express their sincere appreciation for the outstanding services rendered by Mr. Rice, to the State Highway Department and the State of Texas, as an engineer and administrator,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the State Highway Commission and its State Highway Engineer, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Rice, with the sincere appreciation of the Department, for outstanding service rendered in the past and a hope that many years of extended service may be possible.

20323

WHEREAS, Carl L. Williford of Dallas, who, for more than twenty years, served the State Highway Department with distinction as Resident Engineer and Special Research Engineer on projects in Dallas vicinity and other parts of the State, departed this life on October 20, 1943, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williford was ever faithful to the trust and duties imposed upon him, serving his State and the State Highway Department in an eminently satisfactory manner, and

WHEREAS, he was ever loyal and considerate of his friends and associates. His conduct was always that of a gentleman, and

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission desires to take recognition of his work on a special asphalt research project sponsored jointly by the Texas A. & M. College, his Alma Mater, and the State Highway Department, which he handled in such a creditable manner during the latter part of the year 1942, and

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission desires to record its sincere appreciation of the splendid services rendered the Department and the State of Texas by this faithful and loyal employee, and to express its sincere sympathy to his family and relatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be placed in the Official Minutes of the State Highway Commission and a copy be sent to Mrs. Williford and family.

20324

In LAVACA AND JACKSON COUNTIES, it is ordered that an increase appropriation of \$197,000.00 be and is hereby made for the completion of construction heretofore started on STATE HIGHWAY NO. 111, extending from 11.5 miles southeast of Yoakum to 11.8 miles northwest of Edna, a distance of 15.3 miles.

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20325

In TRAVIS COUNTY on traffic way extending from U. S. Highway 81 north of Austin to U. S. Highway 290 east of Austin, it is ordered that an increase appropriation of \$150,000 be and is hereby made to complete the construction heretofore started.

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It is ordered by the Commission that the Regular Meeting of the State Highway Commission be closed at 7:00 P. M., November 16, 1943.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing pages constitute the full, true and correct record of all proceedings and official orders of the State Highway Commission at its Three Hundred and Thirty-Seventh Meeting, a regular meeting, held at Austin, Texas on November 16, 1943.

Helen Leonard
CHIEF MINUTE CLERK

TEXAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION